

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 3 June 2013

Present:- Cllrs. A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, I. Baty, E. Wannop, S. Graham, W. Jefferson & D. Wallace. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Ken Wannop & PC Andy Robertson.

461 **Apologies:-** Cllrs. C. Baty , A. Weightman & R.W. Allison.

462 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Markley – re: Markley Transport, Carrs coaches, County Council etc
Cllr. Wannop – re: Ken.

463 **Exclusion of Press & Public**

It was agreed that the public be excluded for the last two items on the Agenda – items 22 & 23.

464 **Chairman’s Announcements**

Cllr. Markley attended the Young Firefighters presentation which included 10 youngsters from Solway Community Technology College. They were a fantastic credit to the town and the firefighters who trained them. Cllr. Markley also attended the Green event on 26 May which was a great event and well attended. Well done to STAG and Friends of the Green.

465 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 May 2013 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

466 **Police Report**

PC Andy Robertson attended the meeting and gave a verbal report on incidents of crime over the last month. The issues of youngsters driving at speed around the town, driving on the Green and also damage to the Pagoda were discussed. It would appear to be the same group of youngsters involved in the majority of incidents. PC Robertson urged people to be vigilant and report things to the Police.

467 **Adjournment of Meeting**

There had been no requests to adjourn the meeting from members of the public.

468 **Correspondence**

- a) Environmental Health – re: Caltech Ltd. Complaint has been forwarded to Sian Tranter, Team Leader, Environment Protection to deal with.
 - b) Cumbria Police – Message from Neighbourhood Policing Team providing advice to householders on preventative action to combat burglaries etc. Information forwarded to the Solway Buzz.
 - c) United Utilities – re: Silloth Wastewater Treatment Works. United Utilities are investigating regarding the odour problems coming from the wastewater treatment works and will reply before 4 June 2013.
 - d) Housing Solutions for rural communities in Cumbria – A rural housing event at Rheged, Penrith – Friday 14 June 2013, from 11.00am to 3.00pm.
 - e) Cumbria Highways – re: One way system on Esk Street. Cumbria Highways have reviewed
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the request and are unable to implement such a system due to the considerable cost in terms of making the legal order and the associated signage (and illumination) that would be needed. One way systems tend to result in increased traffic speeds whereas the two way system and parked vehicles should keep average speeds at acceptable levels.

- f) Email from Vicky Hope expressing her interest in becoming a Town Councillor. John Cook was present at the meeting and mentioned that Vicky had reconsidered and wished to withdraw her interest.
- g) Email and letter from Mr Peter J Dowdell enclosing extracts from the deed information and covenant which refers to land on Skinburness Road between North House and Eastcote Farm. There are no covenants within the Town Council lease with Allerdale Borough Council. RESOLVED THAT clarification be obtained from Allerdale Borough Council to ascertain whether the covenants are relevant. Also to confirm the status of Skinburness Residents Association and if the Council should work with them. There were some residents on Skinburness Road who didn't want the bushes/gorse cut back etc.

469 Planning Applications

The **Town Council** has approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/201/031 **Proposal:** Demolition of redundant workshop and erection of detached former house **Location:** Old Joiners Shop, Wigton Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr James Scott

Allerdale Borough Council has refused the following:-

Ref No: 2/2013/0136 **Proposal:** Outline application for erection of dwelling **Location:** Land adjacent to Blooming Heather, Blitterlees, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Robinson

Allerdale Borough Council has approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2013/0224 **Proposal:** Proposed rear extension and alterations to roof structure **Location:** 136 Skinburness Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Crozier

Notification from **Allerdale Borough Council** that the following application is to be considered at a meeting of the Development Panel held at The Oval Centre, Workington at 1pm on 28 May 2013. **Ref No:** 2/2013/0253 **Proposal:** Replacement of 5 fixed pane windows to ground floor with upvc – resubmission and retrospective **Location:** The Criffel Inn, Criffel Street, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr David Halpin

470 Committee Reports

No reports. A meeting of the Parks Committee is to be held on Monday 10 June at 7.00pm in the Community Hall.

471 Licences

None

472 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Primary School: No issues.

Joint Advisory Body: AGM on Friday at Beaumont.

Silloth Tourism Action Group: No report. Thanks should go to STAG and FOG for the work they have done to the toilet block. The Town Council had been criticized for not undertaking the work but the Chairman of STAG explained to people that Allerdale Borough Council will be refurbishing them later in the year. People are proud of their town and the toilets needed to

be painted out. Allerdale did do some basic repairs.

Sea Dyke Charity: No meeting.

Longcake Education Trust: Meeting next week.

Solway Community Technology College: It was suggested that the school be asked to send the Council a copy of their newsletter.

Sports Hall: No meeting.

The Space: Waiting to hear from Clive to arrange a meeting.

473 Allerdale & County Council Reports

Allerdale: Cllr. Jefferson received a call from Mark Fryer asking for his advice on who to give grants to in Silloth. Silloth Kite Festival received £500, Vintage Rally £750 and money also went to Silloth Green. All groups including the Beer & Music Festival are struggling to raise money and it would be useful to know where funding is coming from and what is needed. STAG are working with some consultants to work out where to go for funding. The Town Council wants to support local events and it would be helpful to know what is needed in the town. The cuts in concurrent grants have been a problem which has a knock on effect on what the Council can support.

County Council: The allocation given to County Councillors for distribution within their own wards has been halved. There is a new administration at County Council with Labour and Liberals working together. The first shadow cabinet meeting took place which included five of the original cabinet members. Cllr. Markley has been asked why there is no running water at the toilets at the Causewayhead cemetery. There is a water butt to provide water for flowers but if the toilets are open there should be running water. RESOLVED THAT letter be sent to Mr Robert Henderson at bereavement services. Cllr. Jefferson will also chase the matter up with Allerdale Borough Council. FLAG have been at the Community Hall three times but there has been no-one come forward to obtain funding for any projects in Silloth. Funding is there to support projects to assist fishing industry. Access down into the Dock needs improved and the Lifeboat slipway also needs to be extended which would be ideal projects.

474 Handyman's Report

The grounds maintenance team have been busy grass cutting, strimming, weed killing etc. Flower beds have also been planted out. While they were working in the play area a child ran out and almost got on to the road. RESOLVED that enquiries be made into obtaining a proper self closing gate for the play area.

475 Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

476 Requests for Financial Assistance

None

477 Payment of Accounts

The Clerk produced a register report to 3 June 2013 which provided details of cheque payments and other transactions through the Town Council's current account. The list of cheque payments were approved by the Town Council for payment.

478 Byelaws

The Clerk had written to Trevor Gear at Allerdale Borough Council but is awaiting a reply. In

the meantime some information had been obtained from the internet. It was RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to Kim Baxter at Cumbria County Council for advice.

479 Eden Street bus shelter

There have been complaints from the public about not having anywhere to sit in the bus shelter on Eden Street and also about the standard of the bus service. It was suggested that a basic bar or bench be installed to provide some seating however there have been complaints in the past about youngsters gathering in the bus shelter which is why the seating was removed. RESOLVED THAT a request be put in the Buzz to get the public's feedback on whether to re-instate the seating.

480 Application for an event

None

481 The Green Project – Update

Thanks to be given to STAG and FOG for all their work done to the Criffel Street toilets and for organizing the Silloth Green Day. Lambert Gill were on the Green today and had come to look at designing a door for the Pagoda. It is the glass door jamb which is not strong enough. It needs a proper door frame to make it strong. The contractors are looking to get a guy to come and design a BMX track. Parsons Brinkerhoff has been assigned to design the track. They came to Silloth and there was no-one there to represent the Council but the Council had not been informed about the meeting. The Pagoda door needs to be properly fixed and BMX track needs to be pushed forward. Snagging list was brought up with Jason months ago but there has been no progress. RESOLVED THAT a site meeting with Jason and Gary is required. Cllr. Markley will get in touch with Muncaster Castle about advice on the Rhododendrons. At Hammonds Pond at Carlisle a mosquito device is used to deter youngsters of a certain age. CCTV or dummy cameras could be a possible deterrent. Enquiries are to be made into other possibilities to prevent further vandalism.

RESOLVED THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that were instructed to withdraw.

482 Review of hours and salary – Community Engagement Officer

Anna Malina has been working more than her allotted 20 hrs a week due to the extra work involved with getting the Community Garden underway, Green FLAG award, Silloth Green website, organising the Silloth Green event etc. An increase to 27 hours was discussed with Jane and Nick from HLF at the last monitoring meeting. The Clerk has looked at the budget and based on Anna's current salary for 20 hrs per week, her hours can be increased to 27 per week for the remainder of her contract and still be within the existing allocated budget. It was RESOLVED THAT the hours of the Community Engagement Officer be increased from 20 hrs to 27 hrs per week.

483 Amounts owing to the Town Council

The only amount owing is from Solway Crafters.

Signed..... Date.....
